

# TOQUERVILLE CITY

## TREE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 6:00 pm

Held at 212 N. Toquerville Blvd, Toquerville Utah

**Attendance:** Board members Brad Langston, Bruce Jones, Urban Forestry Division Arborist: Daniel Allen, Randy Johnson, Tami Young, and Renee Garner.

### **6:00 pm:**

1. Welcome by Chair Brad Langston: Brad welcomed us and thanked Urban Forestry Division Arborist, Daniel Allen for coming again. He noted the benefit of having his counsel and expertise.

Brad mentioned he will be attending the tree inventory training on Friday. We had one done for us in 2011, but it was on the old software. Brad asked Daniel why a tree inventory was important. Daniel responded that it allows us to observe the current state of our urban forest, see what grows well and what struggles, and plan to avoid problem trees for our area in the future.

Brad remarked on the flowering pears along Toquerville Blvd and the prevalence of fire blight for them. Daniel answered that we should probably avoid trees in the Rosaceae family, or at least the hawthorn, apple, and pear varieties. Peach plum and cherry may not be as subject to fire blight.

2. Review progress on assignments for tree grant proposal for this year's Tree City grant request regarding trees along Shangri-La: Randy asked if we needed to back up and submit a grant to create a management plan before Tree City would take our grant submissions for projects seriously. Daniel opined that we needn't overthink the management plan. It doesn't have to be too complicated. We will need a goal statement that would be general, a plan for the coming year(s) and then a going forward statement at the end. It would be well to have the City Council approve the management plan but that doesn't have to happen before submittal. Just having it among the documents we send for grant application will be helpful.

We could use, for instance, a plan to remove trees with fire blight to protect the healthy trees. Renee asked for a sample management plan to work from. Daniel said he'd be able to send something to us.

Brad mentioned that the Arizona ash trees in the cemetery have iron chlorosis, and we need to treat the trees at the park for tent caterpillars.

When we talk to Ballard we need to tell them:

- Trees must be 2" inch caliber trees
- Organic mulch and wood chips
- Organic compost – peat, steer manure, mulch
- Don't plant too deeply and don't amend the soil

Daniel recommended buying smaller saplings in bulk and raising them ourselves for future plantings. We could get 2 to 5 trees for the price of one 2" caliber. He has a list of nurseries we could work from to buy in bulk.

Trees mentioned for the Shangri-La project at this meeting were: Red Bud, Crap Myrtle, and Chaise Tree. Previous meetings we talked about Eastern Redbud, Pink Dawn Chitalpa, and Crape Myrtle.

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Councilman Brad Langston as Chair

Summary written by Renee Garner, Board Member